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For: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR CLEANING HEAT-EXCHANGE SURFACES OF  
A HEAT EXCHANGE SYSTEM**

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SPECIES ELECTION

Sir:

The following comments are intended to be fully responsive to the Official Action dated July 31, 2008, which set a nominal response due date of August 31, 2008.

## 1. Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement as between claim Group I (claims 21-36) and Group II (claims 37-41), applicants hereby elect for prosecution the invention defined by claim Group I, including claims 21-36. This election is made with traverse.

Specifically, applicants suggest that the restriction requirement is based on an erroneous analysis of the special technical features which the inventions defined by independent claims 21 and 37, *considered as a whole*, make over the prior art.